

GILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
March 8, 2006
Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen convened in a regular session on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. at the Gilford Town Hall, 47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH. Selectmen present were Chairman Alice H. Boucher, Dennis J. Doten and Kinney O'Rourke. Also present was Town Administrator Evans E. Juris, Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director Debra Shackett and Administrative Secretary Sandra J. Bailey.

1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Selectmen recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, Chairman Boucher presented outgoing Selectman Kinney O'Rourke with a plaque recognizing his years of service to Gilford, which she read aloud for the public. Next, Police Chief John Markland also presented a plaque of appreciation from the Police Department to Selectman O'Rourke, as well as a replica of a silver police cruiser.

2.0 REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The Board of Selectmen approved the regular and non-public minutes of the Selectmen's meetings of February 27, 2006 and March 1, 2006.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING – ENTERTAINMENT POLICY

Chairman Boucher opened the public hearing and turned the presentation over to Town Administrator Juris, who passed out copies of the proposed ordinance that show the changes proposed since the most recent draft. At this time, he proceeded to review each of the changes.

Kinney O'Rourke inquired about the change in insurance coverage to \$300,000, rather than \$1,000,000. Attorney Walter Mitchell explained that this change is in keeping with the requirements of the NH State Liquor Commission. Brief discussion ensued on this issue and Town Administrator Juris stated that Board did not want to exclude anyone by having the requirement too high.

Public Input – Charles Frazell, who manages CoCoMo's, stated that he is very strict with the dancers and they have not had any incidents. Town Administrator Juris stated that he had a recent conversation with CoCoMo's owner, Willard Drew, who expressed concerns with the proposed ordinance and didn't feel that he had enough time to review it. Kinney O'Rourke advised members of the public that approximately 90% of the wording in the proposed ordinance is already in existence with the interim ordinance. The new ordinance primarily contains some "clarifying" changes.

Rich Bergeron, also from CoCoMo's, asked what other town ordinances were used in the Gilford proposal so Town Administrator Juris provided him with this information. Kinney O'Rourke clarified that any business within the Town of Gilford that conducts Dancing/Live Entertainment or Exotic/Unusual Entertainment will be required to apply for a permit.

Chairman Boucher closed the public hearing at 3:24 p.m.

Kinney O'Rourke moved to adopt the Entertainment Policy that consists of the language posted, along with the changes indicated during the Town Administrator's presentation, primarily dealing with the amount of insurance covered required being reduced from \$1,000,000 to \$300,000, effective as of May 1, 2006. Dennis Doten seconded. Motion carried.

4.0 PUBLIC INPUT – There was no public input provided.

5.0 APPOINTMENTS

5.1 Chief Markland/John Ayer – Chief Markland stated that this is primarily a procedural change, where the Department of Planning and Land Use would now begin the process of vendor permits, rather than the Police Department. Chief Markland clarified that the Police and Fire Departments would still be involved in the approval process.

Kinney O'Rourke asked Chief Markland to provide a brief explanation of what vendor permits are. Chief Markland stated that they do apply to other times of the year other than just Motorcycle Week. He further stated that site plan approval is necessary for a vendor permit to be issued and this would be determined by DPLU. Kinney O'Rourke suggesting making the requirement for vendor permits earlier in the year than it has previously been. Chief Markland also suggested that the fee could be greater, the closer to Motorcycle Week that the application is received.

Kinney O'Rourke moved to transfer the responsibility for issuing vendor permits and recordkeeping from the Police Department to the Department of Planning and Land Use. Dennis Doten seconded. Motion carried.

5.2 Charles Boucher/Chuck Coons – were in attendance from the Gilford Drinking Water Protection Committee to review their recent report on the Committee's findings. Town Administrator Juris then reviewed each concern that was addressed by the Committee, as well as his recommendations to the Board regarding the report.

Chuck Coons thanked Town Administrator Juris and Assistant Town Administrator Shackett for meeting with them and allowing them to provide input. He did, however, express concern at leaving out acknowledgement of Concern #6, which deals with the aquifer protection overlay district. He further stated that this concern is not tied to the proposed ordinance that will be voted on at Town Meeting. Extensive discussion ensued on the need to protect the aquifer and possible misinterpretation of Concern #6 (d). Town Administrator Juris commended the report by the Committee, which he found to be very educational and informative.

Kinney O'Rourke moved to reappoint the Drinking Water Protection Committee for a period of one year and to acknowledge receipt of the Source Water Protection Plan for the Town of Gilford and commend the Committee for their efforts. Dennis Doten seconded. Motion carried.

Kinney O'Rourke moved to accept Town Administrator Juris' recommendations as outlined in his memo to the Board of Selectmen, with the exception of Concern #6 on the Aquifer Protection Overlay District, and to direct the Town Administrator to forward letters to the various Town Departments or Committees to work with the Water Protection Committee during the upcoming year. Dennis Doten seconded. Motion carried.

Kinney O'Rourke moved that the Aquifer Protection Overlay District be discussed at the March 22, 2006 Selectmen's Meeting. Dennis Doten seconded. Motion carried.

5.3 Sheldon Morgan – 1.) He advised the Board that he anticipates posting the roads by the end of the week. 2.) DPW Director Morgan stated that the solid waste contract for the disposal of garbage from the municipal buildings and parks is expiring. Kinney O'Rourke moved to approve a one year extension with Waste Management at a cost of \$433.44 per month. Dennis Doten seconded. Motion carried. 3.) Mr. Morgan stated that he has received a letter of resignation from Lori Natoli, who has been a Town employee for six years. Kinney O'Rourke moved to accept her resignation with regret. Dennis Doten seconded. Motion carried. Sheldon Morgan also stated that he would be advertising the position immediately.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Job Descriptions - Kinney O'Rourke moved to table this item to the March 22, 2006 Selectmen's Meeting.

7.0 SIGNATURES

Signed 3/8/06

Veteran's Exemption – Shiel – 224-055.007

Veteran's Exemption – Spooner – 263-03.000

Veteran's Exemption – Chapman – 254-079.000

Veteran's Exemption – Cameron – 239-003.000

Veteran's Exemption – Williams – 224-081.303

Veteran's Exemption – Dickson – 224-081.303

Veteran's Exemption – Thurston – 213-087.002

Change of Status – Morrissette, Nason

Abatement – Kidd – 225-021.000 – 2005 1st Quarter Sewer Bill

8.0 SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

Dennis Doten asked DPW Director Morgan to explain where the Town stands with the issue of recycling. Mr. Morgan provided an overview of the potential recycling that may be implemented on a regional basis.

Kinney O'Rourke stated that his experience as a Selectman has been pleasant. He further stated that he is happy with the adoption of the Entertainment Policy and proud of the transition process that has occurred within the Town, which has been smooth and efficient. He also stated that he is pleased that the Road Standards have been updated.

Mr. O'Rourke has enjoyed serving on the Planning Board and would like to continue to serve on that Board, as well as the Economic Development Committee. He also commended the Town Administrator, Assistant Town Administrator and Town Clerk for the excellent manner in which they handled borrowing in anticipation of property taxes and feels that this is a tribute to the quality of the people working for the Town.

Dennis Doten extended his thanks and gratitude to Mr. O'Rourke for his years of service and appreciates the time and sacrifice involved. Chairman Boucher stated that the Town has benefited from Mr. O'Rourke and she wishes him well. Evans Juris thanked Kinney O'Rourke for supporting him as Town Administrator and Police Chief. He also pointed out that Mr. O'Rourke served on the Budget Committee for several years.

9.0 ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Juris reminded Board members that Town Meeting voting is on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All three Selectmen will be at the polls at various times throughout the day.

10.0 NEXT MEETING – March 22, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT – With no further business before the Board, the Board of Selectmen's March 8, 2006 meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Bailey
Administrative Secretary